

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amormino (U.S. Pat. No. 4,669,240) in view of Konopka (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0003565) and Altizer (U.S. Pat. No. 4,674,250). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amormino in view of Konopka and Altizer as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Berney et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,336,709). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amormino in view of Altizer.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Adamos and Primary Examiner Gilbert for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of September 16, 2010. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims that they are distinguished over the prior art of record. It was further agreed that, in the absence of more relevant prior art, the captioned application should be in condition for allowance.

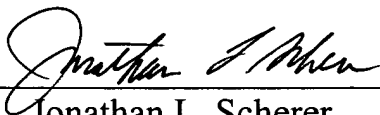
Specifically, claim 1 defines the concrete portion of the interconnected lower ends of the concrete layers. In claim 4, the concrete layers include interconnected steep strip webs extending continuously along a length thereof. It was agreed that at least these features distinguish the invention over the art of record.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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